

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE DIVISION

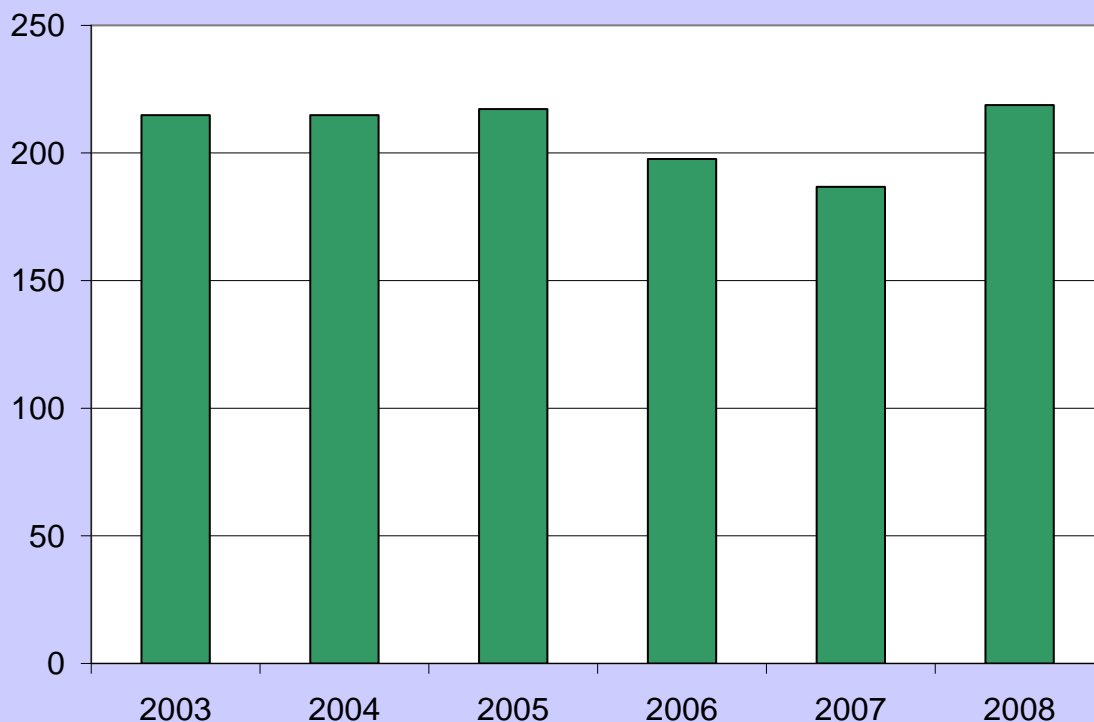
GOAL E

ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE STATE TO PROTECT SENIOR CITIZENS
AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE AT RISK OR ABUSE,
NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

OBJECTIVE 3

DECREASE THE NUMBER OF GUARDIANSHIPS OF
INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUALS HELD BY STATE AGENCIES

State Held Guardianships



COMMENT AND NOTES: Adult Protective Services (APS) is the department's guardianship option of last resort. APS' goal is to reduce its state held guardianships by 10 each year. There are two challenges to this objective: District Courts' unilateral ability to assign guardianships to APS; and the failure of other governmental entities and families to assume the responsibility of adult guardianships.